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Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[3] and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[4]

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[1] A/52/810 and A/52/858.

[2] A/52/860 and A/52/897.

[3] A/52/426, annex, section II, para. 24.

[4] A/C.5/52/SR.63 and ___.

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. Takes note also of the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. Regrets that the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the cost-benefit analysis were not available for consideration in conjunction with the report of the Secretary-General,[5] which deals, inter alia, with the cost-benefit analysis;

4. Takes note of the fact that the report of the Secretary-General[5] contains, inter alia, a cost-benefit analysis of the operation of the Logistics Base, information on the progress in the clearance of backlog inventory and on the use of the Logistics Base by the United Nations agencies and programmes, as well as on the Logistics Base communications relay system and its functions, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

5. Approves the proposal of the Secretary-General with regard to the funding mechanism proposed in paragraph 33 of his report;[5]

6. Approves also the cost estimates for the Logistics Base in the amount of 7,141,800 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 829,900 dollars for completion of two start-up kits;

7. Decides to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,025,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 and to prorate the balance of 5,116,000 dollars among the approved appropriations of the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

8. Authorizes the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and 28 locally recruited staff;

9. Approves the resourcing policy proposed in section VIII of the report of the Secretary-General[6] regarding the inclusion in future liquidation budgets of provision for the cost of repair, refurbishment and preservation equal to 30 per cent of the total depreciated value of the equipment to be transferred to the Logistics Base;

10. Decides to continue consideration of this question upon submission by the Advisory Committee of its observations and recommendations on the cost-benefit analysis as contained in the report of the Secretary-General.[5]

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[5] A/52/858.

[6] A/51/905.